

Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this item until March 12, 2019, the amendment of Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to refuse containers; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Video Doorbells**

Council Member Jensen suggested, in light of recent crime, doing a registry of video doorbells. She said Springfield recently considered an Ordinance, a voluntary Ordinance, that Police would have a registry of residents who had video doorbells. She said if crime were to occur in a certain area, Police could check the registry for possible video footage from people who had video doorbells. She requested a Report Back on working with the companies that provided video doorbells.

#### **First Annual Golden Shovel Award**

Council Member Akeson wanted to bring attention to website [www.appreciatepeoria.com](http://www.appreciatepeoria.com), noting that on the home page there was an announcement to commend people that took the initiative to shovel their sidewalks. She said an inaugural golden shovel award would be given the first week in April and forms were provided on the website to nominate individuals. She said it was their hope to recognize fifteen individuals or neighborhood associations that had gone the extra mile while removing snow from sidewalks.

#### **First Annual Neighborhood Award Reception**

Council Member Moore wanted to recognize the Community Development Department for their Neighborhood Award Reception that took place on February 21, 2019. She recognized those who received awards at the reception and stated it was an outstanding event.

Mayor Ardis also commended the Community Development Department and the event.

#### **Crime Notification Process**

Council Member Montelongo spoke in regards to the communication plan for when there were significant crime issues and he requested Police Chief Marion and City Manager Urich, to provide an explanation.

Police Chief Marion spoke regarding the notification process and the opportunity to improve the process. He stated the system being considered contained three steps: an email to the neighborhood association and notification to the dispatch supervisor to post on Nextdoor; a press release; and a Code Red notification. He encouraged citizens to sign up for Code Red, their neighborhood associations and check out Crime View Mapping.

In response to Mayor Ardis, Police Chief Marion confirmed that information of those who signed up for Code Red would remain confidential.

Council Member Akeson appreciated the update regarding the crime notification process. She was concerned with the delay in notification and the lack of notification to those who were not signed up with neighborhood associations. She mentioned that Bradley University had utilized texting notifications with the students and inquired if Code Red could be used in a similar way.